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President's Message



Dear South Florida members,

I want to thank Dr. Paul Wetter for his

fabulous talk at our last meeting. His topic was so interesting; I will never look at a Cattleya the same way again. Thank you for showing us how a Cattleya is judged and sharing your Judge-a-tron with us. I wish judging would be that simple-put it in, shake it up, and out comes the score!! Fantastic!

Thank you, also, Sally Taylor, who shared late arriving Carmela plants with the membership. We all appreciated going home with a new plant.

Hopefully everyone has kept their orchids warm during our cold weather this past month. You will indeed be rewarded with wonderful blooms in the coming months. Remember not to do any cutting or pruning until our weather is consistently warm, which is usually towards

the end of March. You would not want to do any damage to the plant if we got a late season cold front.

At the last meeting I mentioned the unfortunate loss of one of our members, Lee Elliot. Here is his home address if anyone would want to send a note or card to his family:

Alexander Elliot, 8025 SW 107th Avenue, Apartment 213, Miami, FL 33173

I hope you all join us for the next meeting when our speaker will be Robert Fuchs of RF Orchids. Bob is an Accredited Orchid Society Judge who is known world wide for his beautiful vandaceous orchids and other warm growing genera. He is a past President of South Florida Orchid Society, as well as the Co-Chairman of The 19th World Orchid Conference which was here in 2008. I am sure his program, and raffle table, will be one not to miss.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone! I hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Good growing,
Judy

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This Month's Meeting - Vanda Culture



This month's speaker will be Bob Fuchs, who will be giving a talk on Vandaceous culture.

Bob is a past president of the SFOS and was the co-chair of the 2008 WOC which was held in Miami.

He has run RF orchids for the last several years and is a well-known expert on vanda culture and hybridizing. Many of his plants have been awarded by the American Orchid Society.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about Vandaceous culture at the next meeting

The raffle table will be provided by RF Orchids.

Get Growing with Lou Lodyga... Cattleya trianae

This beautiful species is from Colombia's rain forest and is their national flower. It was selected for this prestigious position because it has the same colors as the Colombian flag. A strong grower with long lasting flowers, it is in the background of many Cattleya hybrids. It was quite popular as a winter cut flower for the corsage industry in the early 20th century.

The flowers are produced during the winter and early spring. New growth begins shortly after flowering finishes in the early spring and continues to August. The sheaths are formed when the growth matures but the flower buds do not start to grow until November. Give typical cattleya growing conditions - very bright light is a must. There are some additional varieties available such as *C. trianae v mooreana* which has a dark splash on each petal. At one time there were more named variety of this species than any other Cattleya. *Cattleya trianae* is endangered in its natural habitat as a result of environmental degradation and urbanization.



Cattleya trianae

Upcoming Events

Club Meetings:

2/14: COS meeting

2/15: Pan AM meeting

2/16: SFOS meeting

2/22: East Everglades Orchid Society meeting

3/1: Orchid Society of Coral Gables meeting

3/4: SDAOC meeting



Think About it

"The vision that you glorify in your mind, the ideal that you enthrone in your heart - this you will build your life by, and this you will become."

James Allen

Judging Report

January 2011 Judging Report

I hope everyone is staying warm. Aren't we lucky to live in South Florida!

We had a very nice plant table this month. There were six First Place Ribbon Winners and one Bronze Medal. I want to thank Ron Hunt for taking our beautiful award pictures in October and again this month. Alex Maximiano has updated the Award section of our Website. All the medal Awards for 2006-2010 are listed. Sorry to say that most of the pictures are missing. If you had an award and have a picture of it, please send it to me. We will add it to the Website.

See you next month. Bonnie

RIBBON JUDGING

Class 2--Vanda: First Place: V. Crownfox Keylime--Judy Mezey

Class 4--Cattleya Alliance Hybrids--Large Flowered: First Place: Rlc. Jac Taroko--Gene Stevens

Class 5--Cattleya Alliance Hybrids--Small Flowered: First Place: Ctyh. Lime Sherbert--Julie Rosenberg and Ron Hunt

Class 6--Cattleya Alliance Species: First Place: C. percivaliana--Pedro Bonetti

Class 10--Oncidiinae : First Place: Onc. Twinkle "White Cap"--Manual Lasarte

Class 13--Paphiopedilum : First Place: Paph. ((Makuli X curtsii) X Maudiae) X Maudiae--Pedro Bonetti

MEDAL JUDGING

Bronze Medal 78 points: Ctyh. Lime Sherbert "Beau"--Julie Rosenberg and Ron Hunt

Judges Present: Bonnie Riley-Chair, Dorothy Bennett, Erna Maxwell, Julie Rosenberg, Joan Viggiani, Gladys Roudel, Javier Morejon--student; Ron Hunt--photographer



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FAKAHATACHEE EVENT

The Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve Park is home to the largest collection of native orchid species and bromeliads in North America. It is also home to the Florida panther, black bear, Everglades mink, and the wood stork. It is the largest strand swamp on the continent and was the featured location for the Orchid Thief and the movie "Adaptation".

This spectacular natural landscape is located approximately 75 minutes by car west of Miami and Ft. Lauderdale. On February 26, 2011, the Friends of the Fakahatchee will be hosting the annual "safari". Visitors can participate in guided swamp walks, birding walks, photo workshops, and scenic tram rides as well as wildlife presentations, a camp fire program, and a cookout. Swamp buggy rides will also be available. All profits will go to support the preserve. For more information call 239-695-2905.

ORCHID BRAINTEASER

See if you can answer the following orchid-related trivia

1. I am the largest group within the orchid family
2. Two genera grow in close proximity to water. We're both found in the Southern hemisphere - who are we?
3. You could say that I was the species which started the whole orchid craze. Who am I and what country am I from?
4. I'm originally of African decent but I have been popping up in mulch here in South Florida for the last few years. What's my name.
5. A few of my nicknames include cigar orchid and cowhorn orchid. They have made me a very well-known plant. Where am I found?
6. My name is spooky but I am a well known local species. Can you name me.

ORCHID BRAINTEASER ANSWERS

Below are the answers to last month's brain teaser.

1 - *Broughtonia sanguine* - Jamaica

2 - *Angraecum sesquipedale* - Madagascar

3 - *Dendrochilum wenzelli* - Philippines

4 - *Renanthera storei* - SE Asia

5 - *Sedirea japonica* - Japan

6 - *Pleione* - Europe, China,

7 - *Xeusthine* - Worldwide, org. Africa

Members are encouraged to submit their answers to me by noon the day before the meeting. Those members with the most correct answers are eligible to win prizes including gift certificates from RF and Dan and Margie Orchids and plants. Winners will be announced bi-annually in June and December. For more info, e-mail me at jvrmorejon214@gmail.com

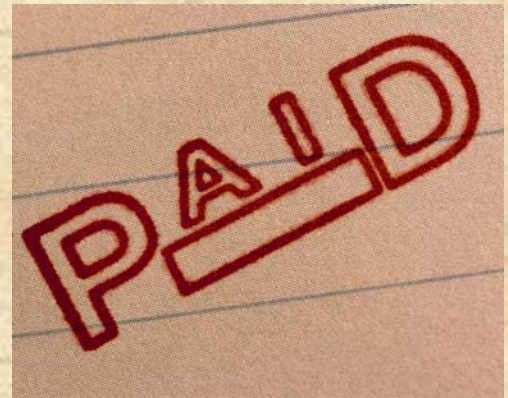
In Memoriam

Our condolences go out to Gene Danglar and his family on the passing of his wife Emma Dangler. Gene is a past president (1977-1978) and a recipient of the SFOS Award for Distinguished Service (1988).

Membership Dues

Just a friendly reminder that dues are due this month.

If you have not paid your dues this month, you can send a check for \$30 for a single member and \$40 for a family membership with \$10 for each additional member. Dues can be sent to the Ellen Hanson at the membership office or paid at the next meeting.



Linzer Torte recipe, cont.

cover with plastic wrap, and place in the refrigerator for about 10 minutes. When strips are firm, using a offset spatula, gently transfer the strips to the tart pan. Lay half the strips, evenly spaced, across the torte then turn the pan a quarter turn and lay the remaining strips across the first strips. If desired weave top strips over and under the bottom strips. Trim the edges to fit the pan.

If you have any leftover scraps of dough, roll them into a long rope. Don't worry if the rope breaks. Just take the pieces of rope around the outer edge of the crust where the ends of the lattice strips meet the bottom crust. Using a fork or your fingers, press the rope into the edges of the bottom crust to seal the edges.

Bake the tart in a preheated 350 degree oven for about 30-35 minutes or until the pastry is golden and set. Let the torte cool on a wire rack before unmolding. Although the torte can be served the same day as baked, it can also be covered and stored overnight before serving. Serve warm with a dollop of whipped cream and a dusting of confectioner's sugar. This torte will keep for a few days at room temperature or in the refrigerator for about a week. It can also be frozen.
Recipe from JoyofBaking.com.

Raspberry Preserves

Place the frozen unsweetened berries and the sugar in a small saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce the heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, for about 15-20 minutes or until most of the liquid has evaporated. Do not let it burn. Remove from heat and pour into a heat-proof cup. Add a drop or two of lemon juice. Cover and place in refrigerator while the crust is made.

Spring Orchid Festival

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Valentine's Day Trivia

The history behind Valentine's Day and its patron saint have long been shrouded in mystery.

As the holiday is known today it contains elements of both

Christian and Pagan traditions,

Several legends surround the three individuals who were martyred by Rome.

One version suggests he was put to death for performing marriages in defiance of a decree from Emperor Claudius that made it illegal for young men to marry. Others suggest he was executed for helping Christians escape harsh prison conditions.

He is also credited with sending the first valentine's - to a woman he fell in love with which he signed "From your Valentine."

Valentine's day may be an effort to Christianize the pagan holiday of Lupercalia which was usually celebrated at this time. The ancient Romans considered February the beginning of Spring and was considered a time of purification when homes were ritually swept and cleaned. Lupercalia, a fertility celebration, commemorates Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture as well as Romulus and Remus the mythical founders of Rome.

As part of the ceremonies, young women would place their names in an urn. The city's bachelors would then pick a name from the urn and would be paired for the year with his chosen women. Such pairings often ended in marriage.

Modern celebrations began in the 17th century and over 1 billion cards are sent yearly.



Recipe: Raspberry Linzer Torte

Ingredients: Raspberry Preserves: 2 cups unsweetened frozen raspberries, 1/4 cup granulated sugar, lemon juice

Linzer Torte: 1 cup whole almonds, 1/2 cup whole hazelnuts, 1 1/2 cups flour, 2/3 cup granulated sugar, Zest of one lemon, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 14 tablespoons cold, unsalted butter cut into pieces, 2 large egg yolks, 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract, Confectioner's sugar (for dusting)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, place almonds on a baking sheet and bake for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned and fragrant. Place hazelnuts on the sheet and bake for 15 min until fragrant and the outer shell starts to flake and crack. Remove from oven and place on a wire rack to cool. Once cooled, place in a food processor and process along with 1/2 cup of flour until finely ground.

Add remaining flour, sugar, lemon zest, ground cinnamon, cloves, salt, and baking powder and process until evenly combined. Add the butter and pulse until the mixture looks like fine crumbs. Add the two egg yolks and vanilla extract and pulse until the dough just begins to come together.

Gather the dough into a ball and then divide it into two pieces, one slightly larger than the other. Wrap the smaller ball of dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour or until firm enough to roll. Take the larger ball of dough and press it onto the bottom and up the sides of a buttered 9-10 in tart pan or springform pan. If using the springform press the dough 1 in up the sides of the pan.

Take the cooled raspberry preserves and spread them over the bottom of the crust. Cover with plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator. Once the smaller ball of crust is firm, remove from the fridge and roll it between two sheets of wax paper into a circle about 12 in. in diameter. Using a pastry wheel or pizza cutter, cut the pastry into 1 in strips. Place these strips on a parchment-paper lined baking sheet,



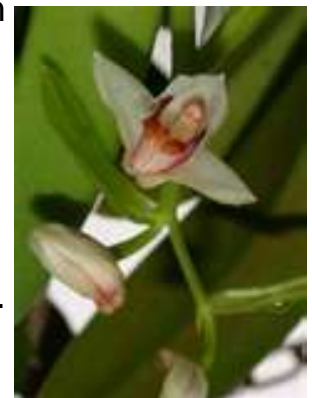
Species of the month:

Eria rosea

This is a small sized member of a large family related to the dendrobiums which is native to China and Hong Kong.

Plants bloom in the spring and as the name suggests, they bear 3 to 4 rose colored flowers on spikes which appear in the spring.

These small plants grow very well mounted and are warm tolerant.

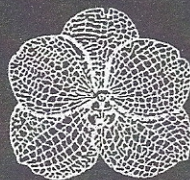


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